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**QUERY RE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

Sir:

Referring to the Notice of Allowance mailed 22 September 2005 for the above patent application, this application has tentatively not been accorded any patent term adjustment (extension) under 35 USC 154(b).

The above application was filed over six years ago and has been diligently prosecuted by Applicants' Attorney since that time. The application was placed under final rejection once, i.e., in the Office Action mailed 14 January 2002. However, that final rejection was withdrawn. The apparent placing of the application under final rejection in the Office Action mailed 14 June 2004 was determined by the Examiner to be an error on the part of the PTO.

Prosecution of the above application has never been continued by filing a Continued Prosecution Application or a Request for Continued Examination of the application. The period of more than six years from the application's filing date to the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance is quite long. The reason for this long period in reaching allowance status seems to be largely due to PTO inaction on the application.

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In view of the preceding observations, Applicants' Attorney respectfully requests that the PTO check its determination of patent term adjustment on the above application to determine whether it is indeed entitled to some non-zero patent term adjustment. If, in preparing the application for issue, the PTO should again determine that the application is not entitled to any patent term adjustment, it would be appreciated if the PTO would provide Applicants' Attorney with an explanation for the zero-period patent term adjustment determination.

Please telephone Attorney for Applicant(s) at 650-964-9767 if there are any questions.

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